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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Members Present

Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomerado
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
MacPherson, Gary – Co. Paramedics' Agencies Comm.
Madati, M.D., Jamil – Children's
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Stepanski, Barbara

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD/Palomar
Conover, W.K. – Camp Pendleton Fire
Eldridge, R.N., Leslie – Sharp Memorial
Griffith, Erin – Naval Med. Ctr. San Diego
Howard, R.N., LuAnn – Scripps La Jolla
Kelly, R.N., Donna – UCSD ROC
Keifer, Karen – Julian/Cuyamaca FPD
Lombardo, Nick – Palomar College
Madden, Chad – Palomar College
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City
Matthews, Cari – Naval Med. Ctr. San Diego
McCormack, John – Palomar College
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA-17
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue
Ontiveros, Temo – Camp Pendleton Fire
Pagano, Chris – UCSD
Quinn, R.N., Michele – Children's
Ross, Alyssa – City of San Diego
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Med. Ctr. San Diego
Vivieros, R.N., Dinarte – Children's
Vogt, Rick – San Marcos Fire

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Linnik, M.D., filling in for Judd Glasser, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Michele Grad, M.D., Seconded by Gary MacPherson, to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2008 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

PPR's With Patients: A completed Prehospital Patient Record (PPR) should always be left with the patient in the emergency department. This is especially important for continuity of care. A number of hospitals are asking for help with this, particularly the trauma centers. County of San Diego policy S-407 and the Prehospital Patient Record Instruction Manual both state PPR's are to be left with the patients.

Capacity Plan: Meetings are continuing to be held on the Capacity Plan and some changes are underway. The Steering Committee will meet again to consider a final draft prior to the flu season. A new "admissions hold" screen has been developed on the Quality Assurance Network system for entering offload data. Barbara Stepanski, County EMS, composed step-by-step instructions and submitted it to the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators.

Dr. Linnik inquired as to who's reviewing the data and who's using it? He suggested having it as an agenda item and presenting it at BSPC at a future meeting in a similar manner to which the bypass stats are presented. Dr. Haynes responded that it's presented at the Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) meetings and hospital reps would take it to their facilities from there.

Overcrowding Summit: The Overcrowding Summit was a great success. Roneet Lev, M.D., is planning on writing up a summary of the event. A variety of subjects were covered: emergency department census, volume/bed ratio, percentage of patients who leave without being seen, length of stay of admitted patients, admission holds > two hours, psychiatric holds, on-call issues, triage practices, specialized personnel, observation units, lab testing, surge, and others. Steve Tharratt, M.D., the new State EMS Director, gave his forecasts for EMS for the near and distant future. Sharp Executive Vice President Dan Gross gave an illuminating overview of the operating environment facing hospitals and a peek at health care reform and some of its possibilities. Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Sharp Memorial provided great assistance with the Summit.

Annual State-wide Disaster Drill: The annual State-wide disaster drill is scheduled for November 13-14 and November 17-18, 2008 with an earthquake scenario on the southern San Andreas fault. The County EMS Medical Operations Center (MOC) will be activated.

Protocol Revisions: The Protocol Revision Task Force will meet this next week. The Advanced EMT provider level was passed by the State Commission at their last meeting and will be reviewed legally, then should go into affect in the next few months.

JAMA Articles: In the September, 2008 JAMA magazine, several articles of interest were printed with a focus on prehospital care: one regarding the variability, incidents and outcomes of cardiac arrest across the country and one regarding testing the criteria for resuscitation in the field.

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Cheryl Graydon, R.N.)

The BHNC's are continuing to work with Ms. Stepanski in getting their audits together for next year and working on obtaining information on the PPR's, making sure they're being left with the patient.

V. ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)

The prime study is beginning with seven agencies and that is going well. The trial is still on hold. Information has been requested from the sites for re-training. The IRB (Institutional Review Board) is ok with the training plan. The wait is for the FDA to collect all the information from all of the sites and decide if the training process will be appropriate.

VI. NO BYPASS TRIAL (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

The subject of a no bypass trial came up at EMOC again following the recent Overcrowding Summit with someone suggesting hospitals go to no bypass completely. Judith Yates, Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties wanted to discuss this with hospital chief executive officers and Dr. Haynes wanted to talk to Marcy Metz, Chief, EMS, and hospital emergency room medical directors about it. Hospital CEO's had a lot of concerns and emergency room medical directors had mixed feelings. Dr. Lev then suggested hospitals take their own patients.

Suggestions: It was suggested that if and when a no bypass trial is conducted, begin it after the flu season and not in a month where there's a major holiday. It was also suggested that if all hospital emergency rooms would agree to take their own patients, that would help ease overcrowding and patients waiting to be transported to another hospital in the emergency room.

VII. SKILLED NURSING DISASTER RESPONSE (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

During the 2007 wildfires, the majority of patients evacuated in San Diego County were nursing home patients. Some of those patients ended up in nursing homes, some in shelters and some in Imperial and Orange County facilities. It was discovered that skilled nursing facilities weren't well integrated into the disaster response system. There are about 91 skilled nursing facilities in San Diego County. With Paulette Thomas, R.N., County EMS, taking the lead, the 91 facilities were divided into 7 regions of which area coordinators were appointed from each of the regions. Those coordinators have been getting trained in disaster response and for transferring

patients and working at the MOC. The BHNC's will also be incorporating the skilled nursing facilities into some of their telephone drills.

VIII. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

No report.

IX. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

No report.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Offload data presentation.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 11:00 a.m. at the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS